

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, February 10, 2022
James P. Coughlin Center - Room A/B
& Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Tom Snider, Steve Binder, Doug Zellmer, Karen D. Powers, Tom Borchart.

Members Absent: None.

Extension Winnebago County Staff: Chris Viau and Amy Hendrickson.

Others Present: Mike Norton (Winnebago County Board).

Meeting Called to Order at 9:01 a.m. by Tom Snider.

Comments from the Public Related to Items on the Agenda/Requests to Add Items to the Next Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Binder moved to approve the 1/20/2021 minutes, second by Zellmer. Motion carried 5-0.

Safety Share – Tom Borchart: Borchart highlighted the risk for slips and falls with the current weather season.

Committee Chair Report: Snider will be concluding his service on the Extension and Veterans committees this spring.

Diversity Affairs Commission:

- **Bylaws & Strategic Plan Approval for Action by the County Board** – Chris drew attention to the highlighted note on the documents and explained it is referencing an appendix used for decision-making purposes by the commission. Mandi Dornfeld and Jody Bezio reviewed the suggestions from the last County Board meeting and made edits to the Diversity Affairs Commission Bylaws and Strategic Plan. Zellmer moved to submit these items to the agenda as is for the next County Board meeting. **Motion carried 5-0.**

UW Division of Extension Program or Educator Reports and Updates: Snider drew attention to the February Extension in Review document for individual program area updates.

- **FoodWise Fiscal Year 2021 Year-End Report** – The 2021 FoodWise fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. FoodWise is a four-county program including Waupaca, Winnebago, Outagamie, and Calumet counties. Gabriliska reviewed the Winnebago County FoodWise Local Impacts - Fiscal Year 2021 document. This will be shared with the committee via email following the meeting. Gabriliska reviewed highlights of the virtual classes for parents of young children, Farmers Market Tours, nutrition lessons in the schools, at HeadStart, and at the Boys & Girls Club, and collaboration with 4-H to deliver education to families.

Extension Administration and Department Reports – Chris Viau:

- **Facility Updates:** None shared.
- **Staff and Department Updates:** The hiring process continues for open positions. The Regional Crops Educator is first priority; Regional Dairy Educator is second priority. Dornfeld is completing Real Colors trainings for Winnebago County staff.
- **Area/Region/State Updates:** Jay Rothman has been named the new President of the University of Wisconsin system. The Chancellor position is still open.

Comments by Committee Members: Powers inquired how 4-H Fun Day went. Viau will pass the question to Berger and Thompson to report on with their next update.

Next Meeting: Next regular committee meeting will be held Thursday, March 17, 2022.

Adjourned: Binder moved to adjourn at 9:53 a.m.; seconded by Zellmer. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Hendrickson